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This would seem to be plain enough talk to let the most fastidious of the hyphenates know where he stands. Charles E. Hughes, the Republican presidential candidate, told a New York audience, composed chiefly of citizens of alien antecedents, that he did not want the support "of any one who has any interest superior to that of the United States, who would not instantly champion the right and interest of America against any country whatever, who would not instantly champion the power of this nation held captive to any foreign influence or served by alien machinations."

No mistaking it, the French in the Verdun region put up as vigorous as it was a successful fight to recover Fort Douaumont and the village of the same name, which, when it was taken by the Germans some months ago, the French war office declared to be a position of no strategic or military importance.

Even the potatoes are retelling for less per peck in Germany than they are in this country, the German housewife is not permitted to pare them and throw their peelings away. For such an offense against economy she is liable to imprisonment for a term of three months. Incidentally, it would be a good thing for the multitudes in this country if our government were sufficiently paternalistic powers to enforce economy measures of this character upon them. The high cost of living is, indeed, becoming burdensome here, but the probabilities are that not a small portion of this burden is due to wasteful practices in countless homes in the handling of foodstuffs. In other words, if more people in this country made all of their foodstuffs go as far as possible, they would find it considerably easier to withstand the drain on their pocketbooks of the ever-increasing prices.

Any number of the political prophets who are so positive about their predictions as to what is going to be the result of the presidential election are going to have a lot of explaining to do November 8. But most of them will probably be hiding out on that day.

Supt. H. W. Charles, of the Boys' Industrial Institute, is undoubtedly right in his assertions that poverty plays a considerable part in the delinquency of children. And another contributing factor is the divorce court. The latter, too, breeds some of the poverty that oppresses any number of mothers and their little ones.

With cotton soaring in this country to unheard of prices, except in Civil war times, possibly another excuse or reason has developed for increasing the cost to the consumer of some of the clothing of the "all wool" variety.

Were the high cost of living not on deck to disturb so many people these days, the probabilities are that they would have little trouble in finding something else to worry about.

The weather is pretty fine just now, but it is also chilly and windy and has been for some time to keep the fires going in the houses a full twenty-four hours a day, and this in turn is something of a pull on the coal bins that have a long, hard row ahead of them before the summer weather of spring gets here. In other words, the poor old consumers seem to be getting swatted from every angle and corner.

PREPAREDNESS AND PENSIONS.  
Preparedness pays for itself in the savings of pensions, argues Thomas F. Leagan in Leslie's, and he continues: If the United States government had been strong and well prepared, the Civil war would have been over in a few weeks. Compared with Spain, the United States was well prepared for the Spanish war, and the consequence was that comparatively few lives were lost and few pensions paid. The intense allies suffered their great-

est losses in the present war when they were unprepared. President A. Vanderlip of the National City Bank recently said that the greatest need of the day is for universal military, industrial and economic preparedness. Like Colonel Roosevelt and other enlightened public men, he advocated training in military service of all able-bodied men. Roughly estimated, the increase in the army and navy appropriations this year amounted to \$200,000,000. Great Britain is spending that much for two weeks of war. It is Germany and so are Russia and France. Thus preparedness is a guarantee to peace. It is national insurance against war, which involves tremendous suffering and death. That it is cheaper than pensions is shown by the fact that this country has spent \$4,940,394,143.05 in pensions.

SHORT TIME FARM LOANS.  
Every farmer before borrowing money should ask himself certain questions, according to Bulletin No. 409, "Factors Affecting Interest Rates and Other Charges on Short-Time Farm Loans," recently published by the federal department of agriculture. Very often the farmer who does not ask himself these questions may find that the banker will require answers to them before he makes the loan.

As the importance of promoting and encouraging improved systems of farming becomes increasingly apparent, to quote the bulletin, attention will be directed more and more toward such questions as to the purpose and size of farm loans.

How are the proceeds of a proposed loan to be employed? Are they to be expended for a productive purpose, such as would lead to improvement in the farming business? Is the size of the loan well adapted to the purpose in view? Does the period for which the loan is to run conform to the time the capital is actually needed? All of these questions have a direct bearing on the costs of short-time farm loans. The use of any given loan ought to yield a return sufficient at least to repay both interest and principal. If the returns are not sufficient for this purpose, then the money should not be borrowed. The only way in which the use of credit can be directed so as to serve the interests of improved agriculture is to control the extension of loans so that they may be used for productive purposes only. This means at the same time a safer use of credit.

In some localities banks offer loans to farmers at reduced rates of interest when the money borrowed is used for some specific and approved purpose, such as the purchase of livestock, the building of silos, or the making of other improvements which will make farming more profitable under given conditions. The banker usually charges a higher rate of interest on a small loan than on a large one. The clerical and bookkeeping expenses are the same in both cases. Unless a higher rate were charged on small loans, the point would be reached where the expenses connected with such loans would be greater than the interest. On the other hand, it pays the banker to handle large loans at a lower rate of interest.

The importance of restricting loans to those approved productive purposes and of having the size of the loan conform to the requirements of sound farm investment has been recognized by some bankers to such an extent that they employ advisers who discuss such questions with their farmer patrons in order to promote the interests of their farm-loan business. After the loan has been made and the capital invested, it is the duty of the adviser to visit the farm from time to time to see if the plan adopted is adhered to and if the investment is yielding proper results. Such a plan means added protection to both the farmer and the banker.

LOW COST OF WAR BORROWING.  
It is said of the British public that it grumbles much and pays cheerfully, says The Economist. It is complaining bitterly just now because, among other things, the government has seen fit to issue Exchequer bonds bearing interest at the rate of 6 per cent annually. To pay so high a rate for the money needed to carry on the most colossal enterprise in human history is denounced as unnecessary, undesirable, and altogether preposterous. The Englishman simply cannot imagine the necessity of such a rate when, for a century or more, his government has been able to get all the money it needed at an average of perhaps less than half of 6 per cent. It may be that he is right in this case; possibly money would have flowed to the public coffers as freely at a lower rate. But whether this is true or not, the remarkable thing is not that the British government, or any other belligerent government, should have to pay 6 per cent for money after two years of expenditure running into many millions of dollars daily, but rather that the cost of money for war should not be very much higher than that. Before the war broke out it was frequently said that such a catastrophe was impossible, because to finance war on so vast a scale was beyond the power of any financial system, and, besides, "the bankers would not allow it." At this assumption was based on estimates of cost ridiculously small in comparison with the \$25,000,000 which Britain is spending each day, and the equally fantastic expenditures of the other warring nations. But when Germany thought the time was ripe for this conflict she pervertedly ignored the bankers who were to prevent the calamity, and didn't cost the cost, or, if she did, greatly underestimated it. As for those who en-

tered the struggle on the other side, they couldn't count the money cost. They had a job to do and the money price to be paid was a matter for secondary consideration. The money had to be found some way, and it has been, so far with extraordinary ease, considering the stupendous sums which have been raised. Great Britain has borrowed more than \$11,000,000,000 since July, 1914, at an average rate of not more than 6 per cent, and perhaps well under that. But despite this and similar operations by the other belligerents it now looks much easier to go on indefinitely borrowing unimaginable amounts than it would have appeared before the war to accomplish what has already been done. That scores of billions have been borrowed at comparatively low rates is one of the remarkable features of the most remarkable period in financial history.

## JOURNAL ENTRIES

No man's opinions have anything like the value of his own.

Nor is fooling others nearly so easy as it is fooling one's self.

Almost everybody is exceedingly clever in shifting blame to other shoulders.

Making mountains out of molehills is another favorite sport with countless people.

Another failing common to many folk is that they don't know when they are well off.

## JAYHAWKER JOTS

To use a Hibernianism, says the Toronto Republican, the Democratic opposition of the state are exalting the prosperity of the Wilson administration with one hand, and are frantically imploring subscribers to pay up before they are swamped by the high cost of paper, with the other.

The new paper clothes they are talking about will have at least one advantage, thinks Imr Zumwalt of the Bonner Springs Chieftain. The old backsides can do their own patching with a needle and thread, thus materially curtailing the output of profanity.

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## ON SPUR OF THE MOMENT

BY ROY E. NOULTON.

(With apologies to John Lancaster Spaulding.)  
Inaudible move day and night  
And noiseless growl the flower;  
Silent are pulsing wings of light,  
And voiceless rustle the hour.  
The moon utters no word when she  
Walks thru the heavens bare;  
The stars forever silent lie,  
And songless gleam thru air.  
Rapt adoration has no tongue;  
No words has holiest prayer;  
The loftiest mountain peaks among  
Is stillness eerywhere.  
These things are not at all amiss,  
But, honest, did you  
Ever think that it would come to this?  
Bryan is silent, too.

The Corner Store.  
William Tibbitts, the storekeeper who has been elected delivery wagon, says he has found an splendid substitute for gasoline. He has bought a mule.

The postmaster sold a postage stamp one day last week, but the fellow brought it back plumb disgusted because there was no gum sticking on it. The postmaster told him that customers shouldn't be so pertickler when he was selling stamps at cost.

Low Higgins says he sees by the paper that they have some splendid spectacles down at the New York Hippodrome and he is thinking some of going down there to get him a pair, as his eyesight ain't what it used to be.

Speaking of elastic currency, Hod Peters says what this country needs is currency that is elastic enough to stretch from one payday to the next.

Luke Purdy was going home late the other night with a package. There was a lawn hose tied up on the sidewalk and he tried to beat it to death with a club.

Old man Binks, who swore he would wear his whiskers until Bryan was elected president, has begun harvesting the crop and sending it to the Oostoor company. They got so long he wrapped 'em around his waist three or four times and used 'em for a belt.

Ame Hilliker has been so busy down at the store explaining the federal banking system and the fiscal policy of the Wilson administration that the mortgage on his farm was foreclosed.

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## SIDE TALKS

BY RUTH CAMERON.

A Heart Document.  
Every one in a while a letter friend sends me a letter which is a heart document. Here is one:

"I have often wondered if you could help me solve some of my life problems. I am quite awestruck the last few years trying to make sense out of it and at the same time give my two girls and two boys at least a high school education, keep them all well, fed and clothed."

"I pay eighteen dollars rent, fifty dollars cash bill, average fifteen dollars for medicines and doctor, pay church dues, buy coal, and spend a quarter now and then for recreation or parks or movies (which are few and far between), all on a fifteen-dollar income."

"Keep in mind that there are two others in the family that have to wear some kind of clothing."

"Also when the muslins, linens, bedding, carpets, etc. wear out, where would you get the wherewithal to buy others?"

"All the female clothing except the shoes is stockings is 'constructed' at home. One gets tired, so tired, of ripping and turning upside down, inside out, crosswise and slanting and otherwise. There is some satisfaction, however, when the girls come home and say their new dress was so admired as it was so up to date, and your mother is such a wonder and so handy. I like my children, who are sweet looking as the next ones, to look like you and your companions."

"Now if you can start out on the first of the month with practically nothing in the house, what would you give to sit to six very healthy, hearty eaters for six dollars a week, and the food, when that was absolutely all you had to spend and you didn't want to go into debt? They are such hearty eaters because they are so healthy. I am thankful to say. But now food stuff is going up, up, up. I am at my wit's end, and as I said, so weary."

"The children must be kept in school, no matter if I have to dress in an apron and not much else. And there is no way to add to the income, at least this year. Could you do it?"

"I imagine if you could solve the food puzzle you would gladly not only the heart of this mother, but others who are worse off."

Could I do it? Indeed I couldn't. The only person I can make is that any manager so clever as she has already shown herself, might, with the help of her children, take a few orders.

## GRANDMOTHER'S RICE-PUDDING.

I have grandmothers' trifles in Paris, And whitebait in London in spring; I have eaten baked ham in Virginia, A dish more than fit for a king; I have tasted delectable jelly, Rich pastries and rare macarons, But nothing that ever was equal To the rice-pudding grandmother made.

Oh! Well I remember her kitchen, The bright shining fire in a row, The white willow ware on the dresser, The chintz-cushioned rocker below, And let us on the newly-scoured table, Right fresh from the oven displayed, Watch and voiceless feast the hour.

The rice-pudding grandmother made. It was creamy and crinkled and covered With a skin like brown satin on top, And sprinkled with juicy raisins, The pick of California's crop, Delicious and dairy and beautiful, Asymptotic could pass for gold.

His plate for a generous helping Of the rice-pudding grandmother made. It is fine for the dear little kiddies, But really for the old with delight, And out all they want, and the doctor Never has to be called in the night, While the family row and hubbub, Through memory's portals parade, All reared to a sturdy existence On the rice-pudding grandmother made.

Let us have for dessert every evening Rice-puddings like grandmother made!—Minnie Irving in Leslie's.

## EVENING STORY

As the Moon Rose.  
(By Melitabel Putnam.)

Howard Yale's heart leaped as he peered cautiously around a group of rhododendrons and caught a glimpse of white in the shadow of the hemlocks. To his excited fancy, it seemed almost phosphorescent in the deepening dusk. It dazzled his eyes and dazed his brain, already sick with suspense.

Then the tension snapped and he sank limply into a garden chair. He had meant to after all. He had feared another evasion. He had not liked the glint in her eyes as she said:

"If it really is important, meet me under the hemlocks as the moon rises. Mind, now! Not an instant sooner, not an instant later. It's my lucky hour. Luna is my patron saint, you know, and be very careful what you say. Don't dare speak my name. The moon maid don't like to be called by name. It frightens her."

Truph she had looked and impulsively she had laughed; but she had meant it after all. The chase was ended. With all her frivolity, Madge was honest and kind at heart. Not once before had she seemed to yield in the least, and she would not lead him on now if she meant him harm, he was sure.

Yes, the chase was ended. The thing was as good as done. He drew out a cigar and, chewing it nervously, settled himself to await the appointed hour with what stoicism he could muster. His thoughts, so long bound to one narrow track, were suddenly released, radiant face that was revealed to free.

Perpetual puzzle, he mused, that one of fantastic femininity should so fluster a man long immune to the rest of fascinating sisterhood. In this case the puzzle was solved, and he was for it. He was perfectly able to reason about his infatuation. He admitted frankly that Madge was not so good, not in any way so desirable as—well, for instance, Marian Elting.

His change of heart came over him as he gazed at the moon. The picture, when his whole being was centered on another, Marian's serene face, would have been a picture of the world, excepting his wife. Now he is a ruined man. That is all there is to the story, a romance of 1916.

He was reminded by letter of an invitation to a party at a friend in a distant city to take dinner with him and the letter informed him that the friend and his wife would be at the party. He was to have a roast beef and served and salad with an egg or two in it. He made the grade and floated a deal for the five pound roast and the two eggs after sacrificing all that he had in the world, excepting his wife. Now he is a ruined man. That is all there is to the story, a romance of 1916.

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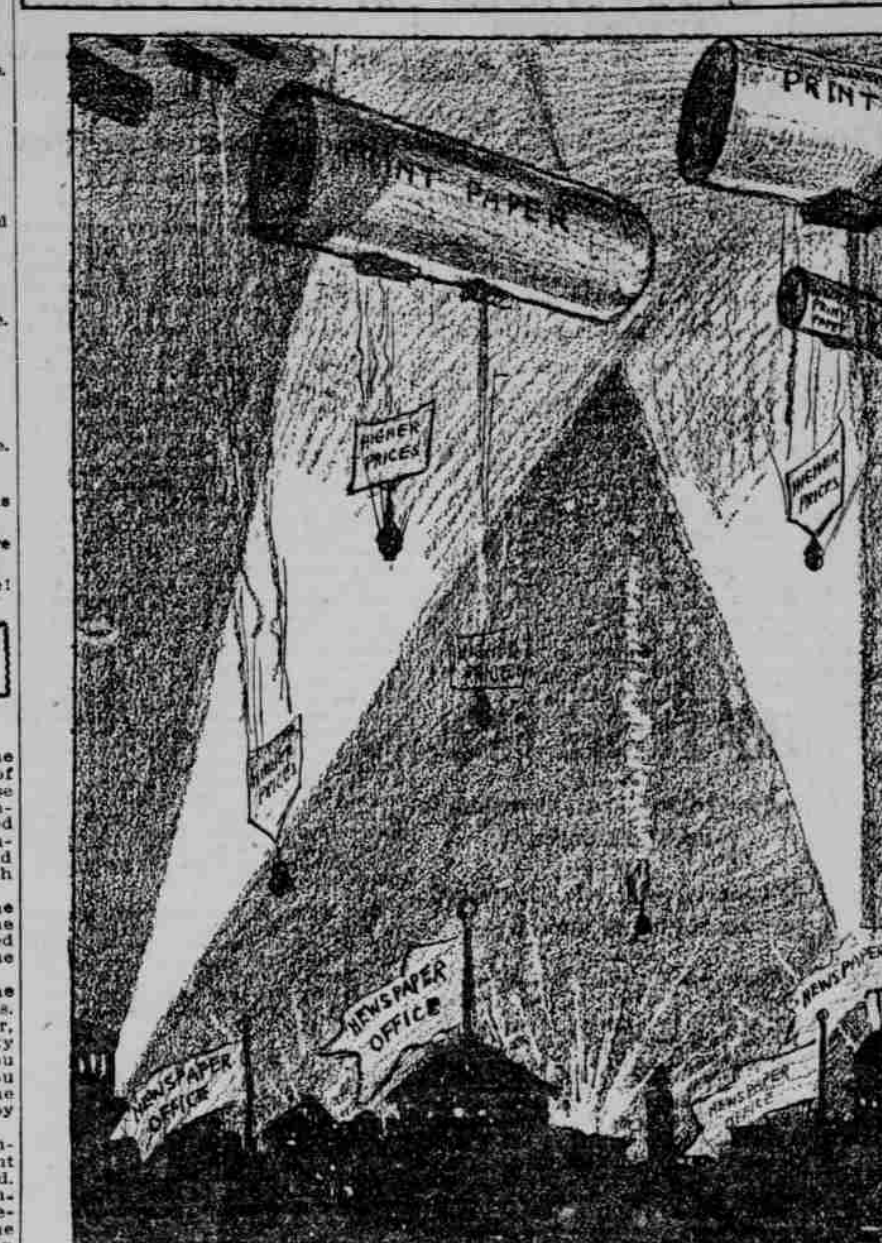
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A woman with a serpent's tongue might say, if she hasn't said it, that very few men stay at home long enough to wear out a house coat.

## ANOTHER AERIAL INCIDENT



terfly Madge was folding her wings. The faint gleam slowly brightened and broadened. Presently, a pale gold crescent appeared, thin-wise, on the brow of the hill. Howard watched it grow with gaze solemnly intent. Just what phrase should he use? Well, the greater the occasion the simpler and plainer speech should be.

As the moon rose clear of its moorings and floated above the distant treetops, he sprang up and strode stealthily across the grass. Madge, facing the moon, did not see him and evidently was looking for him. He bent over her winnily and whispered, "Moon maid, will you be my wife?"

Then the girl stood up and turned around, her face lit with a radiant smile. "I—I thought," she began, broke off with a half sob and sank into his waiting arms.

All his life Howard was increasingly glad each time he remembered that his own crestfallen countenance had been in the shadow; for the wonderment, radiant face that was revealed to him by the light of the moon was the face of Marian Elting.

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## HOUSEHOLD HINTS

Delicious Grape Pie.  
Remove skins and stew pulp of grapes ten minutes. Put thru a colander that will not let seeds thru; a wooden potato masher assists the work. Put skins and pulp together and let boil five minutes. For one pie put one cupful of grape mixture on to boil. Stir in one-half cupful sugar that has been mixed with one tablespoonful of flour. Separate yolks from whites of two eggs, beat yolks and add them to the mixture. When stirred set aside to cool. Line pie plate with crust and bake for lemon pie. When both crust and pulp are cool fill the pie crust. Beat the whites stiff, add one tablespoon powdered sugar. Put over the pie and set in oven long enough to brown lightly. Canned grapes may be used if desired.

Spiced Grapes.  
Take five pounds grapes, two cups vinegar, three pounds brown sugar, one tablespoonful cinnamon, one tablespoonful cloves. Separate the pulp from the skins. Heat the pulp and run thru a colander to remove the seeds. Stew skins, vinegar and pulp slowly for two hours. Lastly add sugar and spice before they are done.

Select perfect grapes, wash them thoroughly, remove the skins and stew the pulp in enough water to cover, put the pulp and skins together, add sugar and a bag containing cloves, cinnamon and allspice. Boil the mixture half an hour, add the spiced grapes in jars, pour them into jelly glasses and cover with melted paraffin.

Prevents Fruit Mold.  
In canning fruit in glass jars, dip each rubber in the white of an egg before placing on the fruit jar; then put on the lid and seal. The egg fills up every little pore in the rubber and prevents mold or air getting into the jar. One egg will do for fifteen or eighteen jars.

Bean Salad.—Use small can of a good brand of baked beans or one cup of home prepared lima beans, one cup of chopped celery, two cups shredded cabbage, one or two sweet peppers (according to size and taste), small onion chopped very fine (may be omitted). Mix all together, season with salt, pepper, sugar and vinegar to taste.

The Table.  
Mock Veal Roast.—One-half pint shell roasted peanuts, one-half pint lentils, two (small) tablespoons melted butter, one-half pint toasted bread crumbs, milk, pepper and salt to taste. Soak lentils over night; drain, bring them to a boil (keep water for soup if you wish), cover with fresh water and boil until tender. Drain again, press thru colander, add nuts (chopped or ground), melted butter, bread crumbs and seasoning, with sufficient milk to make it the consistency of mush. Pour into baking dish and bake in moderate oven one hour. Beans or peas may be substituted for lentils.

Eggless Cake.—One cup sugar, one-third cup shortening, three cups flour, one cup sweet milk, three eggs, one cup baking powder. Beat thoroughly to make this light. Flavor with an extract.

Cookies Without Eggs or Butter.—One cup sour cream, one level teaspoon soda, pinch of salt, one cup sugar, flour enough to roll. Stuffed Cakes. Heat the white of heart and stuff with forcemeat; sew. Arrange a cupful of onion and carrots in bottom of casserole. Place heart on these vegetables, sprinkle with salt, pepper and paprika. Dredge with flour and bake in hot oven 2½ hours. Bake off with hot dripping. Remove from casserole and make a brown gravy. Serve gravy around heart.

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